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SPOTLIGHT ON DEBORAH CULLEN, FINANCE DIRECTOR



Deborah Cullen took over the helm of City Finance Director in 2015 after working twenty-five years for the U.S. Postal Service and ten years with the City of El Segundo. Deborah took some time away from her busy schedule to answer a few questions about being a Finance Director and some of the current and future issues and challenges facing the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

You worked for the U. S. Postal Service for many years. Why did you make the switch to City Government?

Working for the US Postal Service was very rewarding and I gained so much experience working in a large government agency. I accepted a position in Washington D.C. and after several years of commuting I decided to leave my position to be able to stay in California. I enjoyed being a public servant and started looking for opportunities that matched my experience and I was very fortunate to end up in El Segundo.

What skills and personal qualities does a Finance Director need to be successful?

Integrity and commitment to ethics are first on the list for me. Honesty and the courage to speak up are also very important. Communication and the ability to think and plan strategically are essential. Knowledge and understanding of financial issues and a commitment to maintain the accuracy of financial data are important as well. Additionally, mentoring and training employees to ensure a quality and highly efficient staff.

Tell me about your experiences working for the City of El Segundo.

The City is very unique and faces many challenges balancing City services with available revenue sources. The City is

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RPV & YOU: PARTNERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY

With the recent spike in residential burglaries and home invasion robberies experienced in Rancho Palos Verdes, the City Council continues to make public safety a top priority in 2016. On January 19th, the City Council approved and funded an aggressive and proactive Public Safety Strategic Plan. In consultation with Capt. Blaine Bolin of the Lomita Sheriff's Station, the Plan approved by Mayor Dyda and the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council will include technology and data-gathering enhancements; additional Sheriff's Department resources; community awareness and education programs; and City Council policy directives. Key features of the Plan include:

- Installation of fixed and mobile automated license plate recognition (ALPR) cameras at City entry points



- Funding GPS tracking units for surveillance of suspicious vehicles
- Funding of an additional Surveillance and Apprehension Team (SAT) detective
- Conducting residential safety audits by Community Resources (CORE) deputies

- Initiating social media and cable television public safety awareness programs
- Coordinating with other Peninsula cities to jointly pursue additional resources and funding for area wide public safety enhancements

In addition to the Public Safety Strategic Plan, the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council also urges residents to take simple, common-sense steps to make it less likely that they become a crime victim. For example, remember these three simple keys to help prevent burglaries:

LIGHT, TIME AND NOISE

Light:

- Make sure exterior lights are mounted out of reach so burglars can't easily unscrew bulbs.
- Consider motion-sensitive lights outside your home and a variable light timer for indoor lights.
- Trim trees and shrubs near doors and windows so burglars can't hide in the shadows.

Time:

- Make it time-consuming for a burglar to break in by installing deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.
- Place additional locks on all windows and patio doors.

Noise:

- Get a dog. Even a small dog creates a disturbance that burglars would prefer to avoid. Consider having someone care for your dog(s) while you're away, rather than boarding them.
- If you can afford it, install an alarm system that will alert neighbors and even summon local law enforcement directly.

WHALE OF A DAY

POINT VICENTE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Saturday, March 12, 2016

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Activities

- **Whale Watching from the Shore**
- **Educational Exhibits**
- **Arts & Crafts Vendors**
- **Live Entertainment**
- **Food Booths**
- **Kids Crafts, Games,**
- **Fun Zone & Face Painting**

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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016



LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Monday, May 23, 2016 is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming Presidential Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2016. If you have just moved into the City you will need to re-register. You will also need to re-register if you have changed your name or wish to change your political party affiliation. Voter Registration can be completed online at the following link: <http://registertovote.ca.gov/> or if you prefer to register by mail, Voter Registration forms are available at City Hall, the Post Office, and the library.

VOTE BY MAIL

Voters who wish to vote by mail for the upcoming election or become a Permanent Vote by Mail Voter should visit the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website at <http://www.lavote.net/> to print or download the application.

POLLING LOCATION

On Election Day, residents can locate their polling place by using the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's website at <http://www.lavote.net/Locator/>.

Voters who do not have access to the Internet can contact the City Clerk's Office at 310.544.5217 or 310.544.5208 for assistance in locating their polling place. Polling locations are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day.

RETAINING RETRAINING! RETAINING WALL GUIDELINES

Rancho Palos Verdes has a variety of hills, slopes and steep terrain which can create the need for retaining walls. Below are guidelines for when a building permit is required for the construction of new retaining walls.

- 1) Any retaining wall that exceeds 48 inches/4 feet in height as measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall.
- 2) Any retaining wall in excess of 30 inches/2.5 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the

wall that is constructed on or within 10 feet of a slope with a grade of 5:1 or steeper.

Retaining walls less than 3 feet in height with level backfill that are located further than 10 feet from a slope, separated a minimum distance of 3 feet apart, and of which the total grading is less than 20 cubic yards, do not require a building permit.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Building and Safety Dept. at 310.265.7800.



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full-service which means they have their own Police and Fire Departments. During my tenure the City established funding for the retiree health unfunded liability and established a revenue-smoothing methodology that created a stable revenue stream from year-to-year and successfully reduced Police and Fire salaries and benefits through labor negotiations. That being said, my experience in El Segundo was very exciting, challenging and rewarding. I really enjoyed working with the community and all the highly professional and dedicated employees.

What are some of the financial strengths of Rancho Palos Verdes and what are some of its most significant challenges?

The City has very healthy reserves, no debt and very solid revenue sources primarily from property tax. The City expenditures run well below the annual General Fund revenues which enables funding of capital projects. A few challenges that I see in the future relate to recruitment and retention of City employees in conjunction with the cost of benefits and developing a long-term capital plan and identifying funding sources.

What would you like the residents of RPV to know about you?

I love my job and am thrilled to be able to contribute to the community of Rancho Palos Verdes. My goal is to continue to improve transparency, service levels and processes to provide excellent service to the community.

You've implemented transparency-related software both at El Segundo and already during your tenure in RPV. Explain your thoughts about the need for transparency in City Government and Finance's role.

Transparency is key to gaining the trust of the community and a very fundamental aspect to being successful in my position. I feel it is extremely important to provide data and information as soon as it is available to help the Council and community make informed decisions. By implementing OpenGov, we now have a platform that provides current financial information through an easy to use portal.

Hobbies/Interests:

I enjoy spending time with my family, golfing with my husband, and reading.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES APLENTY!

NATIVE PLANT GARDEN VOLUNTEER DAYS

Sunday: March 13 & Saturdays: April 16, May 21, and June 18 10am-Noon

Volunteers interested in learning about native California plants and gardening skills are wanted to help keep the Point Vicente Native Plant Garden beautiful and pristine. Ages 14 and older and all skill levels are welcome.

ABALONE COVE VOLUNTEER DAY

Saturday, March 19, 2016 Noon-3pm

Call 310.544.5260 for more information and to sign up. Volunteer Events are happening regularly at other sites, too. Please check out our latest events and sign up at rpvca.gov or call 310.544.5260.



GREEN CORNER



EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22!

In celebration of Earth Day, the City is focusing on reusing, reducing and recycling.

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 2, 2016
9:30am-11am

Hesse Park, Fireside Room

The City will host an LA County-sponsored composting workshop for beginners on Saturday, April 2nd, from 9:30 am to 11 am at Hesse Park, Fireside Room. This workshop is open to all LA County residents.

One compost or worm bin will be raffled to attendees. The County plans to sell discounted compost and worm bins after the event, but accepts cash and check only! Go to www.smartgardening.com for more information on composting and other workshops. The City offers a rebate on the bins to residents (restrictions apply). For more information go to: <http://www.rpvca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1148>.



FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING & E-WASTE COLLECTION & MULCH GIVEAWAY EVENT

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 8am-11am

Point Vicente Park/Civic Center (City Hall)
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.

Confidential Shredding!

Certified shredding trucks will shred all your documents confidentially on-site at the event.

Electronics Disposal!

Bring your unwanted electronics such as TVs, computers, printers and fax machines. No household hazardous waste will be accepted.

Mulch Giveaway

Free mulch will be available to residents, while supplies last. This is a self-service and self-haul event. Please bring your own trashcans or sturdy yard bags, gloves and shovel. Limit of 3 cans/bags per vehicle.

This event is offered exclusively to EDCO residential customers in RPV. Please bring proof of RPV residency such as a recent utility bill. For more information check <http://www.rpvca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6892> or www.rpvrecycles.com



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) & ELECTRONICS WASTE (E-WASTE) EVENT

PV Peninsula Annual Household Hazardous Waste/Electronics Waste Roundup

Saturday, May 14, 2016, 9am-3pm

Point Vicente Park/Civic Center (City Hall/ City Yard)
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.

Clean out your garage and help the environment. Visit the County website www.lacsd.org, call 1-888-CleanLA, or go to <http://www.rpvca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1155> for more information and a list of acceptable items .



BE A PART OF HEALTHY RPV!



The City of Rancho Palos Verdes wants YOU to be healthy!

To kick off the "Healthy RPV" program, please join us for FREE yoga classes on Mondays at City Hall from noon to 1pm and Tuesdays at Hesse Park from 8:30am-9:30am.

You can also check our Healthy RPV webpage at: www.rpvca.gov

Here you can look for healthy recipes, exercise tips, view exercise/sport classes and programs offered at our parks and check out our calendar for local events that will help you make fitness FUN!

To round out our Healthy RPV program, FREE kids coloring packs are available in RPV parks while supplies last!

Have an idea for our Healthy RPV program? Send us an email to parks@rpvca.gov. Parks Make Life Better!

JOIN US FOR FREE NATURE WALKS!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Los Serenos docents and volunteers will lead free nature walks at several beautiful Peninsula locations this spring. Wear sturdy walking shoes, sunscreen and a hat, and bring a bottle of water. Walks last about two hours and no reservations are required. In the event of rain, the walk will be cancelled. For more information about becoming a docent and leading hikes, visit the docent website at www.losserenos.org. To schedule a hike, please call 310.377.5370.

ABALONE COVE SHORELINE PARK

Sunday, April 3, Noon

Enjoy a moderate to strenuous walk to the tide pools. Learn about the fascinating marine life living in the intertidal zone. Wear sturdy walking shoes, because part of the hike will be on cobblestones. Parking fees will be waived for participants.

FORRESTAL NATURE RESERVE

Saturday, February 27, 10 AM
Saturday, May 21, 10 AM

Join us for a moderate to strenuous walk through coastal sage scrub habitat. Learn about the local geology. (Park near the gate on Forrestal Drive.)

ALTA VICENTE RESERVE



Saturday, April 23, 3 PM

Come enjoy a moderate to strenuous walk along the Alta Vicente trail through coastal sage habitat. Enjoy the wild flowers, visit one of the original Japanese farms, and see WW II and Cold War installations. (Meet at the RPV City Hall.)

PV LIGHTHOUSE / PVIC / VICENTE BLUFFS RESERVE

Saturday, June 18, 10 AM

Join us for docent-led tours of the Point Vicente Lighthouse grounds and Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center (PVIC) museum. Then we will walk through the PVIC native plant garden and learn about the plants, followed by an easy walk along the spectacular bluff top in the Vicente Bluffs Reserve. (Meet in the parking lot of PVIC.)

BE A SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER VOLUNTEER



The South Bay Cities Council of Governments Environmental Services Center (SBESC) is currently recruiting volunteers to work on current issues which promote energy and water conservation. Volunteers will assist with information for residents and municipalities, and also work to help South Bay businesses become more sustainable through their friendly online Green Building Challenge.

For more information, please visit their website at www.sbesc.com or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Martha Segovia, at 310.371.7222.

Volunteer applications can be found at <http://www.sbesc.com/about/volunteer>.

RECREATION PROGRAMS - SPRING INTO FUN!

For more information on all programs, visit www.rpvca.gov or call 310.544.5260.

STORY TIME FUN!

Story time, songs, finger plays and crafts. Program geared to parents and children ages 2 to 5, but children of all ages welcome. Free admission! Hosted by RPV Recreation and Parks Department and Palos Verdes Library District's Young Readers' Department.



LITTLE CRITTER AFTERNOON TALES
2nd Wednesdays, 1:00pm-2:00pm
March 9, April 13, May 11 & June 8
Hesse Park
29301 Hawthorne Boulevard

LITTLE FISH TALES BY THE SEA
3rd Thursdays, 10:00am-11:00am
March 17, April 21, May 19 & June 16
Point Vicente Interpretive Center
31501 Palos Verdes Drive West



WHALE OF A DAY!

Saturday, March 12, 2016 ~ 10:00am-4:00pm
Point Vicente Interpretive Center
31501 Palos Verdes Drive West



MEET THE GOATS



Sat., April 16, 2016 11am-1pm
Point Vicente Interpretive Center
31501 Palos Verdes Drive

The City and Fire Grazers Inc. co-sponsor this fun event during which kids and adults get to meet and feed the hardworking goats that clear brush in the City to reduce fire hazards! **Free!**

PADDLE BATTLE! WOMEN'S PADDLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 19, 2016
Ladera Linda Community Center
32201 Forrestal Drive

Women's doubles beginner through "B" level paddle tennis tournament!

\$25 per person and includes a tee shirt, trophies for 1st and 2nd place, and refreshments. Don't have a partner? We can find you one! Sign up online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/rpv> or you can mail in your registration by downloading a form from the City's website at: <http://www.rpvca.gov/> Signup deadline is March 17th.

Paddle tennis classes begin May 3rd! Keep an eye out on the City's Recreation and Parks webpage for information! Sign-up on the City's "Notify Me" feature to receive information about paddle tennis classes and tournaments!

For more information, email Charlene at: charlenez@rpvca.gov



EGG HUNT EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Saturday, March 26, 2016 ~ 10:00am-11:30am
Ladera Linda Community Center
32201 Forrestal Drive



Hop on over and join the Big Bunny for a morning full of fun and eggcitement! Enjoy Prizes & Refreshments!

Ages: 1-8 years. Fee: \$15 per person. Bring your own basket and camera.

Register online at apm.activecommunities.com/rpv
Register today! Pre-registration Deadline: March 16th.

FREE YOGA IN THE PARK

What's in a Namaste? Gretchen Karma, certified yoga instructor, will guide you to personalize your own yoga practice, with an emphasis on breathing and gentle mindful movement. All levels welcome; beginners encouraged. Please bring a mat.

Mondays: Noon-1:00pm (Beginning March 7) outdoors at Point Vicente Park/Civic Center 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. Meet by tennis court.

Tuesdays: 8:30am-9:30am outdoors at Hesse Park Meet at upper picnic area. 29301 Hawthorne Blvd.



HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

March and April 2016: No Changes.

May 2016: No service on Monday, May 30, 2016, Memorial Day. Services for all routes (Monday through Friday) will be delayed by one day.

June 2016: No changes.

Remove empty containers after collection day. **Empty carts should not be left on the street overnight.**

BACKYARD SERVICE: EDCO provides backyard service to customers at an additional monthly charge. If you travel out of town frequently, or have temporary or permanent physical or medical limitations, call EDCO and inquire about this service.

EDCO 310.540.2977, www.rpvrecycles.com



SPRING BRUSH CLEARANCE EVENT

EDCO's free excess green waste collection event allows property owners to remove excess vegetation growth, overgrown bushes and shrubbery, and trim trees in their backyard, canyon, and elsewhere on their property without having to rent bins, or incur additional costs for hauling the green waste material away.

Find your regular collection day below to see your brush clearance day. Then schedule to complete your brush clearing before your designated day.

Regular Trash Day	Brush Clearance Day
Monday	Saturday, April 16, 2016
Tuesday	Saturday, April 23, 2016
Wednesday	Saturday, April 30, 2016
Thursday	Saturday, May 7, 2016
Friday	Saturday, May 14, 2016



Residents will receive more information from EDCO in late March. If you have any questions call EDCO at 310.540.2977 or go to <http://www.rpvca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1154> or www.rpvrecycles.com.

PET VACCINATION, MICROCHIP AND LICENSING CLINIC

Thursday, May 19th ~ Note: New Times! ~ 5:30pm-7:30pm
Upper picnic area at Hesse Park • 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard
Cats: 5:30pm-6:00pm ~ Dogs: 6:00pm-7:30pm

The Society for California Veterinary Vaccine Care (www.scvvc.webs.com) will administer low-cost vaccinations and provide microchip services for cats and dogs; cash and credit cards accepted. The LA County Department of Animal Care & Control will provide dog licensing services; cash and checks accepted.

Pet owners must be at least 18 years of age. Pets must be on leashes or in carriers, and only healthy & non-pregnant animals will be vaccinated. Please bring the license tag, license renewal notice or prior rabies certificate to receive a three-year rabies vaccine for your dog; otherwise the rabies vaccine will be good for only one year.

CITY HALL PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall Main Line	310.377.0360
City Manager's Office	310.544.5207
City Clerk's Office	310.544.5217
Finance	310.377.0360
Community Development	310.544.5228
Public Works	310.544.5252
Recreation and Parks	310.544.5260
Building & Safety Division	310.265.7800

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RECREATION CLASSES OFFERED AT RPV COMMUNITY CENTERS

SPRING INTO ACTION!
CHECK OUT THESE RECREATION CLASSES AT YOUR LOCAL PARKS!

View the City's Website for Information on Classes, Recreational Programs, Special Events, Nature Hikes and More! (WWW.RPVCA.GOV)

Class & Program Locations: **HP** = Hesse Park; **LLP** = Ladera Linda Park; **RP** = Ryan Park

Tot & Youth Programs

Early Childhood Music Classes (Birth-Kindergarten)	HP, LLP	
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson		310.373.0280
Mommy & Me Classes (Birth-16 Mo. & 16 Mo.-3 Yrs.)	RP	
Kids Music N Motion/Annette Gunderson		310.373.0280
My First Classroom Art Classes (15 Mo.-2 Yrs.)	HP	
Art To Grow On, Inc./Lauren Perelmutter		310.625.6028
Palos Verdes Strings Classes	HP	
Palos Verdes Strings/Michele Nardone		310.750.6866
Pee Wee Picasso Art Classes (18 Mo.-5 Yrs.)	HP	
Art To Grow On, Inc./Lauren Perelmutter		310.625.6028
Suika Preschool Classes (Ages 10 Mos.-3 Yrs.)	HP	
Suika Education, Inc.		310.323.5221

Tot/Youth Sports

Fit 4 Moms Stroller Strides (Moms & Infants/Tots)	HP	
Fit 4 Moms/Stephanie Johnson		310.780.4673
Super Soccer Stars (Ages 2-5)	RP	
Super Soccer Stars/Bob Gibson		310.998.0010

Teen/Adult Programs

Basics of Fine Arts - Drawing/Painting (Ages 16-Adult)	HP	
Kevin McCants		818.753.8477
Cognitive Courage Coaching Classes (Teens)	HP	
Conforty Coaching/Eran Conforty		310.955.4700
FCC Technician's License (Ham Radio) (Ages 16-Adult)	HP	
PV Amateur Radio Club/Walt Ordway		310.541.4007
Palos Verdes Strings Classes (Teens & Adults)	HP	
Palos Verdes Strings/Michele Nardone		310.750.6866

Teen/Adult Health & Fitness

Bones for Life - Exercises to Prevent Osteoporosis (Adults)	HP	
Move To Health/Sachiye Nakano		310.326.6831
J. S. Aerobic Dancing: Lite Impact (Adults)	HP	
Sandra Erickson		310.514.1494
Tai Chi Chuan - Yang Style (Long Form) (Adults)	HP	
Stan Corzine		310.376.8088
Yoga, Tai Chi Gong, Zen Balance (Adults)	LLP	
Maria Arabe		310.938.7548

GOT TALENT? WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW CLASS IDEAS AND INSTRUCTORS!
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TEACHING AT THE PARKS IN RPV, CALL 310.544.5268.

RECREATION AND PARKS JOB OPPORTUNITY

RECREATION LEADER I

The City is actively seeking qualified and enthusiastic individuals to apply for the part-time, year-round position of Recreation Leader I. Responsibilities may include:

- Managing daily operations at City park sites
- Patrolling Nature Preserve and Open Space areas
- Assisting with special events and recreation programs
- Working with adults with developmental disabilities
- Staffing a museum and gift shop
- Working as a receptionist at City Hall
- Monitoring rental events at parks

Work hours include evenings, weekends, and holidays. Customer service experience and basic computer skills recommended. Beginning pay rate is \$11.50 per hour. Must be 18 years old, a high school graduate and have a valid Class C California Driver's License. Visit the City's website to complete an online application.

RPV CITY PARK HOURS

YEAR-ROUND PARK HOURS

Abalone Cove Shoreline Park ~ 310.377.1222

Daily ~ 9:00am-dusk.

Fred Hesse Jr. Community Park ~ 310.541.8114

Mon.-Fri. ~ 9:00am-dusk

Sat. & Sun. ~ 10:00am-dusk

Ladera Linda Community Center & Park ~ 310.541.7073

Mon.-Fri. ~ 12:00pm-5:00pm

Sat. & Sun. ~ 10:00am-5:00pm

Point Vicente Interpretive Center (PVIC) ~ 310.377.5370

Daily ~ 10:00am-5:00pm

Robert E. Ryan Community Park ~ 310.377.2290

Daily ~ 9:00am-dusk

Eastview Park ~ 310.544.2260

Daily ~ dawn-dusk

All park grounds in the City may be enjoyed from dawn to dusk.

Park buildings at Hesse Park, Ryan Park, Ladera Linda and PVIC will be closed Thanksgiving Day, December 24 & 25th, and January 1, but park grounds and restrooms will be open. Abalone Cove's gates, parking lot and restrooms will remain closed on these holidays.

The leash law is enforced in all City Parks. Off-leash dogs are allowed only in Rancho Caninos Dog Park at Point Vicente Park/Civic Center.

